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**BIS Leadership Speaks of Russia Sanctions at CBFANC Co-Hosted Event**

*Evey Hwang, CBFANC President*



**Above: Thea D. Rozman Kendler, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration at BIS.**



**Above: Evey Hwang, CBFANC President, Alba Wheels**

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**Events Around the Bay**

- [P.A.E.I](#) - Professional Association of Exporters and Importers  
[www.paei.org](http://www.paei.org).
- [OWIT NC](#) - Organization of Women in International Trade Check website for updates
- [Monterey Bay International Trade Association \(MBITA\)](#) - Monterey Bay International Trade Association  
Check Website for updates
- [Norcal W.T.C.](#) - The Northern California World Trade Center  
Check Website for updates
- [PTA](#) - Pacific Transportation Association  
Check Website for updates

**PCC 2022 MISSION TO WASHINGTON DC**

The PCC is still working to establish a date for this year's Mission to DC. Details will be provided as soon as available.

**SAVE THE DATE**

WESCCON 2022 to be held October 6 - 9, 2022, at Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, CA. [Click Here to Register](#)

**Up Inc**

On March 29, 2022, CBFANC, with WIT-NC, PAEI and in collaboration with DEC, welcomed **Assistant Secretary of Export Administration Thea Kendler** for a special outreach. Aside from the latest situation-sensitive sanctions on Russia, A/S Kendler also spoke on the "evolving nature of export controls and the resulting challenges faced by professionals working in export-related industries". With presentation from **Karen Nies-Vogel, Director BIS Office of Exporter Services and Lani Tito, BIS Export Administration Specialist**, A/S Kendler shared on BIS efforts on emerging technologies and its agency's focus forward.

An estimated 200 attendees registered between CBFANC, WIT-NC, PAEI and DEC – this is celebrated as collaborative spirit of the united global support of Ukraine.

Join in caring support for Ukrainian people with the following links assembled by **Janice Whittaker**, President of WIT-NC.



[Click here for links and additional information](#)

**BCDC Committee Rebukes Oakland A's Stadium Plans for Howard Terminal**

*East Oakland Stadium Alliance*



On March 20th, after 4.5 hours of discussion and public comment, BCDC's Seaport Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) recommended maintaining Howard Terminal's Port Priority Use designation – reinforcing that Howard Terminal is critical to the port's maritime operations and important to the region's projected demand for cargo growth. Per the SF

Chronicle, The state panel's decision was "based on an analysis of whether Howard Terminal is needed for port operations and what the impact of opening the area to public access would be. The committee examined how sea level rise and environmental justice issues could affect the project." The advisory committee's key vote serves as a recommendation to the larger San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission who will take up the item later this spring. *"Cargo vehicles need water, ballparks do not," said one speaker from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.*

Our coalition commends SPAC for their thoughtful deliberations and recommendation to BCDC. **Committee Chair and BCDC Commissioner Jim McGrath** said he didn't support changing Howard Terminal's uses because of projected cargo growth and because he hasn't seen evidence that Howard Terminal "has no utility." And **Kristine Zortman, Executive Director of the Port of Redwood City**, said that "the maritime industry needs to be protected because it provides well-paid jobs."

### Extensive FAQ Responses from FDA DWCI

*Mindy Li, CBFANC PGA Committee, Megabrokers*



Mindy Li, CBFANC PGA Chair, Megabrokers Inc

**As a follow up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year FDA DWCI & CBFANC virtual meeting on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, the link below has details of the FAQ received from FDA DWCI team. If you have other FDA questions, please send them to us at: [agency@cbfanc.org](mailto:agency@cbfanc.org) and we will address it at the next FDA DWCI meeting. The date is to be determined for later in the year.**

**FAQ Link:**

**[https://www.cbfanc.org/docs/DWCI-CBFANC\\_MEETING\\_QA.pdf](https://www.cbfanc.org/docs/DWCI-CBFANC_MEETING_QA.pdf)**

### USTR Announces Limited Tariff Exclusions

*Ray Bucheger, FBB Federal Relations*



Above: Ray Bucheger, FBB Federal Relations

USTR [announced](#) that it is reinstating 352 product exclusions that expired on December 31, 2020. Exclusions are retroactive to October 12, 2021 and will expire on December 31, 2022.

**Additional Background**

USTR issued a [Federal Register Notice](#) in October announcing a process for companies to seek exclusions from Section 301 China tariffs – however, the process was limited to the 549 exclusions that were previously approved under the Trump Administration and which expired on December 31, 2020. This included 137 exclusions from List 1; 59 exclusions from List 2; 266 exclusions from List 3; and 87 exclusions from List 4A. The full list can be found [here](#).

**Further Commentary**

While USTR's announcement no doubt made some companies happy, there is a lot of frustration over the fact that USTR only considered exclusions for products that were previously exempted from the Section 301 China tariffs. The fact is that the exclusions announced this week represent a very small number of exclusions request that were initially submitted by U.S. companies. *USTR only extended 352 of the eligible 549 exclusions that expired at the end of December 2020.* The 549 exclusions that expired in December 2020 represented a fraction of the overall exclusions that were granted. The total number of exclusions initially granted represented roughly 13% of the 53,000 exclusion requests submitted.

[Ray's Article Continues Here...](#)

**Urgent Update on Executive Order Regarding Russia Sanctions**

*Paulette Kolba, Pacific Coast Council*



*Editor's Note: Paulette Kolba, above, is an industry and compliance expert who has been a leader within LACBFFA, NCBFAA and the PCC for many years. We are fortunate to have Paulette's guidance at this critical time about this critical topic.*

### **Urgent information on White House Executive Order sanctioning imports from Russian Federation.**

Executive Order <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/03/11/executive-order-on-prohibiting-certain-imports-exports-and-new-investment-with-respect-to-continued-russian-federation-aggression/>. This restriction only covers goods from the Russian Federation (not Belarus).

- **"Russian Federation origin"** — goods produced, manufactured, extracted, or processed in the Russian Federation, excluding any Russian Federation origin good that has been incorporated or substantially transformed into a foreign-made product.

Below are notes shared from Trade community members on what the prohibition means for Russian imports. [This pertains to only goods under the restricted list.](#)

- CBP is putting a hold on all goods covered by the prohibition. If goods are being held, CBP will release the goods under the OFAC general license 17 ([https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/126/russia\\_gl17.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/126/russia_gl17.pdf)) upon receipt of proof that the shipment was under contract prior to March 11, 2022 as long as goods have been received prior to March 25.

[Paulette's Update Continues here...](#)

### **WESCCON 2022 Registration Is Open**

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## US Senators Introduce "Prevent Labor Union Slowdowns (PLUS) Act"

*Peter Friedmann, OurManInDC*



Above, **Peter Friedmann, OurManInDC**

Several Senators have "introduced the *Prevent Labor Union Slowdowns (PLUS) Act* to protect our national supply chain during upcoming maritime union negotiations."

According to the bill's sponsors: "The PLUS Act would change the National Labor Relations Act to define a labor slowdown by maritime workers as an unfair labor practice. The bill also makes it an unfair labor practice for labor unions to block modernization efforts at ports and specifies that refusing to work automated vessels is an unfair labor practice." Read the full statement [here](#)

This bill will encounter fierce resistance from ILWU, ILA and all labor unions, as well as many in Congress and the Administration. There will also be attention focused on the ocean carriers' unprecedented profits. So this could be a contentious negotiation. What it does show is that 3 months before contract expiration on June 30, there is mounting concern as to potential disruption to the supply chain which is already, as all on this message know, stressed to the limit.

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## FWS ACE Filing Requirements

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**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

FWS ACE filing requirements -

All fish/wildlife must be declared for import/export with exemption of domesticated animals which disclaim "E" is used for exempt wildlife commodities flagged for FW1.

Link to request for electronic Import/Export license for new commercial purpose commodities, or renew/amend an existing license: <https://www.fws.gov/elicense>.

**Please access the Fish and Wildlife ACE Filing webinar recording for**

**details:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8384337334602092558>

## UPDATE: New Legislation to End NTR for Russia and Belarus

*Ray Bucheger, FBB Federal Relations*



### **Russia/Belarus Normal Trade Relations Legislation**

Below is a summary of the legislation as it pertains to potential duty increases. But first, we want to address the primary question that people were asking, which is timing for any duty increases, and in particular, how will products "on the water" be treated.

The legislation simply states that NTR will end with Russia and Belarus "beginning on the day after the date of the enactment of this Act". Based on conversations we have had with House and Senate staff, and CBP, It seems to be an open question with respect to how the U.S. will treat products exported prior to the implementation date but not yet entered into US commerce by that date. Although we get the distinct sense that Congress believes a "grace period" is unwarranted.

[Legislation update continues here...](#)

## Cybersecurity Threats Persist From Russia



**CYBERSECURITY  
& INFRASTRUCTURE  
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**Urgent message from: Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency**

To our Partners,

For several months now, CISA and our partners at FBI and NSA have been urging private sector organizations – of every size – to take action to protect their systems and information. Now, the White House is doubling down on that message to communicate to critical infrastructure companies that they have a responsibility to protect the critical services Americans depend on. The White House and CISA have updated their message to include the following statement: “***Evolving intelligence indicates that the Russian Government is exploring options for potential cyberattacks on U.S. critical infrastructure.***” – WH Press Briefing 3/21/2022.

The CISA website, <https://www.cisa.gov/shields-up> is being continually updated, including technical guidance such as the latest TTPs and IOCs being observed by Federal civilian agencies and CYBERCOM. Don't wait for formal Alerts and Advisories! The latest information is found at CISA's Shield's Up website being updated continuously!

[What Can You Do to Defeat Cyber Threats? Read Here....](#)

## China Airlines Announces New Storage Costs and Rules

Matthew Liu, Cargo Manager, China Airlines, SFO



Re: SFO Warehouse Service Fees & Charges Updated Notice and applicable for both **CI and NH** import shipment

Dear Valued Customers:

Please be advised that **China Airlines and All Nippon Airways** in SFO will make the following changes to the Import Service Charge (ISC) and Storage with effective date of **April 1, 2022**.

- The Import Service Charge will be \$120.00 per each straight MAWB or each HAWB.
- The storage charge rate will be \$0.75/K per day with minimum charge at \$150.00.
- The storage charge will be free for the first 1 day after the date of arrival, regardless of the arrival time, including the public holiday(s) and Saturday/Sunday except for New Year (January 1st), Independence Day (July 4th), Thanksgiving (the fourth Thursday of November) and Christmas (December 25th).

Please update your records and thank you for all of your continued support as always.

Sincerely,

Matthew Liu

Cargo Manager, San Francisco



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